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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

Bettina MOECKEL, et al. :

SERIAL NO.: 09/919,932 :

FILED: AUGUST 2, 2001 :

FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE METY GENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed September 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

~~Please delete the original Sequence Listing at pages 34-38.~~

~~Page 46 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.~~

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 40 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the

substitute Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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